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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the application of:

Inventor(s) : Hitoshi MATSUMOTO *et al.*  
Serial Number : 10/019,402  
Filed : December 28, 2001  
For : COMPOSITIONS FOR FOODS, PROCESS FOR  
PRODUCING THE SAME, AND FUNCTIONAL FOODS  
AND DRINKS CONTAINING THE SAME  
Examiner : Donna A. Jagoe  
Group Art Unit : 1614

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 29, 2006

Dear Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the Official action mailed June 1, 2006. The Official action set forth a three-month period for response, and a petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto, making this response due on or before October 1, 2006.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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